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IMPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States imports for consumption from $1,144.8 million in July to $1,245.3 million in August, an increase of about nine percent, reflected higher levels of imports of all of the economic classes of commodities. The August 1960 imports for consumption total was about five percent higher than the August 1959 total of $1,190.1 million.

The Bureau stated that, for the period January-August 1960, total imports for consumption were valued at $10,002.4 million, a level about three percent higher than the $9,733.2 million reported for the corresponding period of 1959.

Imports of crude materials rose from $236.5 million in July to $290.7 million in August, mainly due to increases in imports of the individual commodities of this economic class as follows: crude petroleum, from $63.5 to $83.3 million; unmanufactured cotton, from $0.4 to $17.2 million; crude rubber, from $25.3 to $33.1 million; iron ore and concentrates, from $35.8 to $40.7 million; and unmanufactured tobacco, from $8.1 to $11.4 million. Higher levels of imports of wood pulp, from $22.7 to $29.9 million; tin, from $4.8 to $8.4 million; and copper, from $23.3 to $26.7 million, were largely responsible for the rise in imports of semimanufactures from $228.3 million in July to $248.2 million in August. The increase in imports of crude foodstuffs from $127.4 to $142.6 million was largely the result of a rise in imports of raw or green coffee, from $77.9 to $91.8 million.

Imports of finished manufactures rose from $417.4 million in July to $426.2 million in August, reflecting increases in imports of newsprint, from $52.9 to $61.6 million; leather manufactures, from $8.2 to $11.9 million, and smaller increases in imports of many other commodities in this economic class. However, imports of automobiles and parts, also included in this economic class, fell from $45.6 to $31.5 million. From July to August, imports of manufactured foodstuffs rose slightly from $135.3 to $137.6 million chiefly as a result of increases in imports of meat products, from $32.5 to $37.8 million; whisky, from $11.3 to $14.9 million and smaller increases in imports of other commodities in this economic class which were largely offset by a decrease in imports of cane sugar from $50.0 to $39.5 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped intransit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 and informal entry shipments valued $250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. These estimated values are shown in the tables of this report as "Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments" and are arbitrarily included in the total for "Finished manufactures." The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: AUGUST 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See the "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures.)

Economic class and commodity		August 1960	July 1960	August 1959	Monthly average 1959	Monthly average 1958
Total	value	1,245.3	1,144.8	1,190.1	1,248.9	1,061.6
Free	value	505.9	466.9	459.0	485.2	445.1
Dutiable	value	739.5	677.9	731.1	763.8	616.5
Crude materials	value	290.7	236.5	251.4	257.7	230.0
Hides and skins	value	4.9	5.9	5.6	7.3	4.5
Undressed furs	value	3.6	4.3	3.0	8.0	6.7
Crude rubber	1,000,000 lb.	89	64	102	108	89
	value	33.1	25.3	32.2	32.1	20.9
Copra	1,000 lb.	49,168	83,191	67,012	58,808	50,102
	value	3.7	6.6	6.4	5.7	4.0
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	14,919	11,325	13,324	12,640	11,543
	value	11.4	8.1	9.7	9.3	8.7
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	46,809	6,694	53,145	12,760	12,190
	value	17.2	0.4	16.5	2.1	2.5
Jute and jute butts	long tons	1,173	1,633	2,547	5,740	3,121
	value	0.1	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.7
Sisal and henequen	long tons	8,191	7,236	10,868	10,432	9,767
	value	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.3
Wool, unmanufactured, free	(1,000,000 lb.) actual weight	17	18	16	21	13
	clean content[1]	13	14	12	16	10
	value	9.4	10.5	8.3	10.3	6.6
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable	(1,000,000 lb.) actual weight	9	7	10	13	9
	clean content[1]	6	5	7	9	6
	value	7.9	5.0	6.4	8.4	7.1
Pulpwood	1,000 cords	135	95	104	104	114
	value	2.7	1.9	2.8	2.2	2.4
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	38,622	28,577	29,635	31,841	31,976
	value	83.3	63.5	66.8	72.2	78.3
Diamonds, rough or uncut	1,000 carats	64	97	166	133	94
	value	5.3	6.8	10.0	7.9	6.0
Diamonds, for industrial use	1,000 carats	997	742	536	1,089	839
	value	3.8	3.3	2.8	5.2	3.3
Iron ore and concentrates	1,000 long tons	4,299	3,746	3,154	2,969	2,296
	value	40.7	35.8	27.2	26.0	19.3
Ferroalloying ores	value	12.0	12.1	8.7	11.0	11.4
Copper (copper content)	1,000 lb.	15,223	7,070	15,007	6,700	16,884
	value	4.7	2.1	4.3	1.9	3.8
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb.	8,581	46,474	11,291	22,861	39,772
	value	0.9	4.9	1.0	2.3	4.3
Tin (tin content)	long tons	1,555	1,160	61	898	455
	value	2.9	2.6	0.1	1.9	0.9
Zinc (zinc content)	1,000 lb.	56,451	119,859	62,270	74,855	90,091
	value	2.2	5.8	2.4	3.3	4.3
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates	value	8.7	5.8	6.2	6.5	6.2
All other crude materials	value	30.6	24.3	28.9	31.4	26.9
Crude foodstuffs	value	142.6	127.4	144.7	151.9	161.4
Fish and shellfish	1,000 lb.	57,222	53,887	47,470	45,752	39,847
	value	14.6	14.4	11.6	13.5	12.2
Cattle, except for breeding	thousands	9	12	22	57	94
	value	1.3	1.5	3.0	6.8	10.8
Grains	value	1.9	3.5	2.0	3.2	4.2
Vegetables, fresh and dried	value	1.2	0.7	1.1	3.5	3.8
Bananas	1,000 bunches	4,942	4,145	3,937	4,518	4,064
	value	6.5	5.9	5.4	6.5	5.8
Cocoa or cacao beans	1,000,000 lb.	45	42	28	40	37
	value	11.6	10.7	9.4	13.7	14.4
Coffee, raw or green	1,000,000 lb.	269	218	286	255	222
	value	91.8	77.9	99.3	91.1	97.5
Tea	1,000 lb.	9,132	8,584	8,228	9,140	8,618
	value	4.2	4.0	3.7	4.3	4.0
Black pepper, unground	1,000 lb.	2,127	1,389	2,330	2,914	2,889
	value	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.6
All other crude foodstuffs	value	8.3	7.9	8.7	8.7	8.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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Economic class and commodity	August 1960	July 1960	August 1959	Monthly average 1959	Monthly average 1958
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	137.6	135.3	137.0	133.2	125.3
Meat products.....1,000 lb..	93,534	76,954	87,863	81,209	70,817
value..	37.8	32.5	34.9	32.8	27.9
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	4,382	3,430	3,614	5,322	4,645
value..	2.3	1.7	1.8	2.6	2.3
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	40,763	38,357	38,442	43,453	39,886
value..	12.9	10.9	11.0	12.3	11.0
Fodders and feeds.....value..	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.7	1.8
Cane sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	709	899	875	756	772
value..	39.5	50.0	48.3	41.3	43.3
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	44,982	51,697	25,829	24,205	28,698
value..	4.2	5.0	3.0	3.0	3.7
Whisky.....value..	14.9	11.3	14.4	14.8	13.2
All other manufactured foodstuffs .....value..	25.0	22.8	22.6	24.8	22.2
Semimanufactures.....value..	248.2	228.3	253.8	275.4	220.2
Leather.....value..	3.5	2.7	4.2	4.0	2.6
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	304	318	350	303	200
value..	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	3.6	4.0	4.6	4.7	4.1
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	10,073	7,931	8,396	9,285	9,300
value..	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	4.8	4.5	5.2	5.2	3.7
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	371	366	372	339	283
value..	29.0	28.8	31.1	28.1	21.8
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	230	178	190	203	175
value..	29.9	22.7	25.2	26.2	23.1
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	15,099	14,309	12,546	19,833	17,503
value..	32.8	30.8	25.9	42.1	41.5
Asbestos.....long tons..	50,510	41,016	47,297	48,928	43,706
value..	4.5	4.0	4.4	4.6	4.0
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	60	65	55	77	60
value..	5.3	6.8	5.8	7.2	5.7
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	12.0	12.3	20.0	23.2	7.5
Aluminum.....value..	9.0	8.5	18.2	12.6	11.8
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	86	74	47	62	56
value..	26.7	23.3	14.4	18.6	13.7
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	51,126	35,279	40,123	46,556	61,159
value..	6.8	4.5	5.0	6.2	6.6
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	18,802	21,128	19,652	19,370	15,448
value..	14.0	14.1	12.7	12.3	10.2
Tin.....1,000 lb..	8,472	4,909	6,783	8,744	8,275
value..	8.4	4.8	6.7	8.6	7.5
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	16,525	6,359	17,538	27,583	31,111
value..	2.0	0.8	1.8	2.8	3.0
Coal-tar products.....value..	4.3	4.3	5.2	4.9	3.9
Industrial chemicals.....value..	8.5	6.4	7.7	7.8	6.0
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	66	124	234	158	128
value..	3.0	4.2	6.5	5.2	4.9
All other semimanufactures.....value..	38.7	39.3	47.5	49.4	37.4
Finished manufactures.....value..	426.2	417.4	403.1	430.7	324.8
Leather manufactures.....value..	11.9	8.2	9.1	7.0	5.1
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	1.6	2.0	1.3	1.5	1.3
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq. yd..	37,632	38,348	17,244	20,031	11,750
value..	6.7	6.9	3.4	4.3	3.2
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	16.6	15.6	13.5	12.5	9.3
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	59,544	65,449	76,841	80,623	70,910
1,000 lb..	37,189	39,402	45,399	49,485	40,641
value..	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.6	6.3
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.3
Wool manufactures.....value..	20.0	18.2	15.1	14.3	10.9
Silk manufactures.....value..	6.4	6.0	6.7	6.1	4.8
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	242	211	62	178	178
value..	2.1	1.9	0.7	1.8	1.6
Newsprint[1].....1,000 short tons..	486	411	434	437	407
value..	61.6	52.9	54.9	55.5	51.2
Other paper manufactures.....value..	6.4	6.0	6.2	6.5	5.0
Pottery.....value..	6.0	5.5	4.8	4.8	3.9

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AUGUST 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity	August 1960	July 1960	August 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Steel mill products.....value..	18.7	17.9	29.1	28.8	13.4
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	9.3	8.8	8.5	9.3	6.4
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	8.9	11.1	9.8	14.1	10.2
Automobiles and parts.....value..	31.5	45.6	58.2	70.3	46.0
Other machinery.....value..	50.0	44.5	37.9	40.0	28.8
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	9.3	10.6	9.6	10.2	10.5
Photographic goods.....value..	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.2	3.4
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	3.8	3.6	2.7	3.1	2.4
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.4	1.6
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	6.5	5.4	5.1	4.9	3.4
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.7	3.9
American goods returned.....value..	17.3	21.9	18.8	19.5	16.6
All other finished manufactures[2].....value..	99.5	93.0	76.2	84.8	65.1
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[2].....value..	11.5	11.5	10.7	10.2	8.3

[1]Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool.
[2]For an explanation of the sampling procedures, see "Effect of Sampling" on front page.

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